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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC WARFARE DISCUSSIONS

REF: (A) ANKARA 1147; (B) STATE 39576; (C) STATE 34403

1. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS (REF B) ON REF A APPRECIATED.
THEY PARALLEL OUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

2. WE FACE STICKY SITUATION AT MOMENT. IN SEEKING TO CHANGE
VENUE OF E-W DISCUSSIONS TO MILITARY CHANNEL, TURKS MAY BE
SEEKING TO STEER US INTO NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON TURKISH E-W
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REQUIREMENTS, IN HOPE THAT THEY CAN GET US SOMEHOW TO
ENDORSE AND UNDERWRITE THOSE REQUIREMENTS. ON OTHER HAND,
AND MUCH LESS LIKELY, TURKS MAY BE PREPARING TO SETTLE ISSUE
BASICALLY ON OUR TERMS AT BEST PRICE THEY ABLE EXTRACT.
DOING THIS IN FORUM PROPOSED BY YAVULZALP WOULD ENABLE
THEM SAVE FACE BY ALLEGING THAT OUR COMMITMENT (AS SEEN
BY THEM) HAD BEEN FULFILLED THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENT

TAKING ACCOUNT OF TURKEY'S REQUIREMENTS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH CAREFUL PREPARATION AND CLEAR GUIDELINES TO JUSMMAT, WE CAN ENTER TGS-JUSMMAT DISCUSSIONS AND STILL AVOID POTENTIAL PITFALLS. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ONE MORE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF TURKISH INTENTIONS. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE GO BACK TO YAVULZALP FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION OF HIS PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE OF FORUM. WE WILL POINT OUT THAT IF RESULT OF NEW FORUM IS MERELY TO FOCUS ON LARGE GAP BETWEEN TURKISH REQUIREMENTS AND US OFFER, IT WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. UNLESS HIS RESPONSE CONTAINS NEW NEGATIVE ELEMENTS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD PROPOSE ACCEPT HIS SUGGESTION, SEEKING AT SAME TIME TO KEEP EMBASSY-MINISTRY CHANNEL ALIVE AND GOING IN TANDEM WITH MILITARY DISCUSSIONS.

4. IN COURSE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YAVULZALP, WE WILL DRAW ON VERY HELPFUL INFORMATION CONTAINED REF C. MACOMBER UNQUOTE CASEY

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